

1 10A NCAC 13D .3036 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13D .3036 SPECIAL CARE UNIT BUILDING REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) Special care units housing adult care home beds located in nursing-home facilities shall meet all applicable
5 building codes and licensure regulations for nursing homes contained in Sections .3100 through .3400 of this
6 Subchapter with the following exceptions: Rule .3101(e), .3201(b)(1), .3201(b)(2), .3201(d)(2), .3201(e), .3201(f),
7 .3201(j), and .3301(2).

8 (b) Special-care units housing adult care home beds located in nursing home facilities shall meet the following
9 additional requirements:

- 10 (1) If the special care unit is part of the nursing-home facility, the unit shall be separated from the rest
11 of the facility by closed doors.
- 12 (2) The unit shall be located so that other residents, staff, and visitors do not have to routinely pass
13 through the unit to reach other areas of the facility.
- 14 (3) Unit exit doors and other doors in the means of egress may be locked only if the locking devices
15 meet the requirements outlined in the North Carolina State Building Code for either delayed egress
16 locks or special locking arrangements.
- 17 (4) Where exit doors and unit control doors are not locked, a system of security monitoring shall be
18 provided.
- 19 (5) Dining, activity, and living space shall be provided within the unit at a total rate of 30 square feet per
20 resident. At least 50 percent of the required dining, activity and living area shall be enclosed with
21 walls and doors. Required dining, activity and living areas shall have windows with views to the
22 outside. The glazing material for the windows shall not be less than eight percent of the floor area
23 required for each dining, activity, or living space. The dining area may be used for activities as well as
24 dining.
- 25 (6) Bathing fixtures shall be provided within the unit at the rate of one for each 10 residents or portion
26 thereof. At least one tub and one shower shall be provided within the unit for staff-assisted bathing.
- 27 (7) Resident sleeping rooms shall be provided with operable windows having an area equal to at least
28 eight percent of the floor area of the room. The glazing material for the windows shall not be less than
29 eight percent of the floor area required for the bedroom.
- 30 (8) All operable exterior windows shall be equipped with mechanisms to limit window openings to no
31 less than four inches and no greater than six inches to prevent elopement.
- 32 (9) There shall be direct access from the special care unit to a secured outside area. The area shall be a
33 minimum area of 250 square feet or designed at the rate of 25 square feet per bed, whichever is
34 greater.
- 35 (10) Task lighting and at least one electrical receptacle per resident connected to the emergency
36 generator shall be provided in each resident bedroom.

1 History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-104; 131E-114.

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